

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Chairman, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**
(By Request - Departmental - Natural Resources)

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hunting - Chesapeake Forest Lands**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which the Department of Natural Resources
4 is requested to utilize certain revenue to open to public hunting a certain
5 amount of acreage on certain properties known as the Chesapeake Forest
6 Lands.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Chapter 177 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002
9 Section 3

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2002**

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (1) it is the intent of the General Assembly that, in accordance with §§ 10-209
15 and 10-308.1 of the Natural Resources Article, the Department of Natural Resources
16 utilize special fund revenue generated as a result of the licensing fee increases under
17 this Act, as appropriate, in order to open to public hunting at least half the total
18 acreage that is leased for hunting to private individuals on the properties known as
19 the Chesapeake Forest Lands by the [2005-2006] 2007-2008 hunting season; and

20 (2) the Department shall include in its annual report to the General Assembly
21 a progress report on the public hunting opportunities provided under paragraph (1) of
22 this section.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 August 1, 2004.